

May 20, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, May 20, 2019, in the Village Board Room. Village President Rod Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Matt Bernius, Justin Ray, Christy Miller, Jenni Marner, and Paul Pearce. Trustee Mike Hilgenberg was absent.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

President Randall asked Christy Miller to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Public Hearing for the 2019-2020 Appropriation Ordinance**

- M. Bernius made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the 2019-2020 Appropriation Ordinance. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall opened the hearing for public comment. No public comments were made. J. Ray made a motion to close the Public Hearing. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Public Comment**

- Visitors present were Amanda Meredith, Shaun Meredith, Brock Thoms, and Stephanie Wierman.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

- J. Marner made a motion to approve the May 6, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes. J. Ray seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Approval of Expenditures**

- P. Pearce made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$63,028.78. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

#### **Village President Comments and Announcements**

- President Randall noted that road work will take place south of Arthur (CR 000E) on May 29-30.

#### **Trustees' Reports**

- C. Miller reported that Simply Arthur hired a communication director. Angie Parsons will begin work May 28, 2019.

#### **Comptroller's Report**

- Erica Carter provided the treasurer's report for April.

#### **Chief of Police Report**

- Police Chief Goodman reported that preparations are underway for the events happening in June. An operation plan has been put together for the Freedom Celebration. Six Illinois State Police Officers are expected, along with support from Moultrie and Douglas County Police.

#### **Public Works Supervisor's Report**

- Grant Corum was absent but provided monthly reports from the Public Works Department.

2. Stephanie Wierman provided information on street closures for the Strawberry Jam Festival. These include Vine Street closed from Progress Street to Arthur IGA; one lane closed on Vine Street from IGA to Park Street; Walnut Street closed from Progress Street to IGA drive; Illinois Street closed from Hickory Street to the Sarah Bush alley; and the Gazebo Parking lot closed. Closures would take place from 6:00 p.m. on May 30 until 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2019. J. Ray made a motion to approve the requested street closures for the Strawberry Jam for the dates of May 30 - June 1, 2019. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
3. C. Miller was contacted by the Ride Illinois Bicycle Club. Around 240 people will be biking through Arthur on June 9, and they requested using the Welcome Center. M. Bernius made a motion to open the Welcome Center on Sunday, June 9, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon for use by the Ride Illinois Bicycle Club. C. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
4. M. Bernius made a motion to go into Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).) The appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. J. Marner seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

President Randall re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were M. Bernius, J. Ray, C. Miller, J. Marner, and P. Pearce. J. Ray made a motion to promote Shaun Meredith to the position of Sergeant at a rate of \$21.50 an hour effective immediately and inclusive of all certifications received. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

5. Chief Goodman described Starcom equipment that the Arthur Fire Protection District owns but is currently not using. Items include two portable radios and one mobile radio. P. Pearce made a motion to approve the purchase of Starcom equipment from the Arthur Fire Protection District in the amount of \$6,400.00. J. Marner seconded. Trustees Miller, Marner, and Pearce voted YEA. Trustees Ray and Bernius abstained due to being on the fire department. Motion carried.

#### General Discussion

- P. Pearce noted high school graduation is May 24 and town clean-up day May 25.
- Pearce continues to hear concerns regarding parking on the 500 block of Pine Street. Further discussion will be needed.
- M. Bernius recommended a Work Session to set a price for land south of the old bike trail.
- Kenny Crossman noted that those recently elected to the Village Board need to take OMA training.

#### Adjourn

M. Bernius made a motion to adjourn. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_



Village President

Rhonda Rhoads  
Village Clerk

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